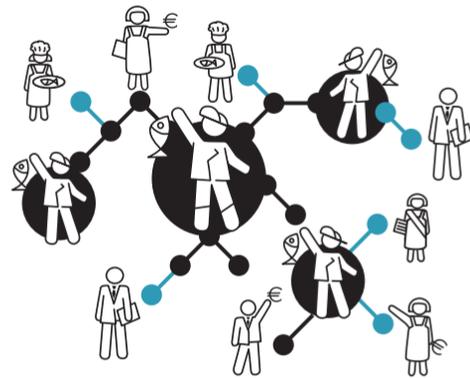


Bringing fisheries communities together and strengthening their influence



1.1 Connecting dispersed, isolated and divided fishing communities



1.2 Reaching out to all sections of the community



1.3 Strengthening the position of fisheries in the local economy



1.4 Giving fishing communities an entry point to decision making



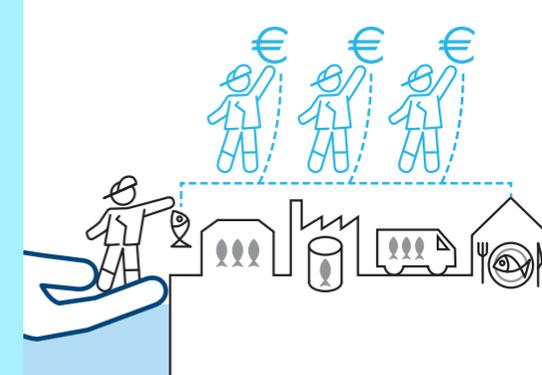
Increasing income and safeguarding jobs



2.1 Facilitating access to other funding possibilities



2.2 Strengthening the position of fishermen in the supply chain



2.3 Ensuring local development benefits fishing communities



Harnessing the job potential of blue growth



3.1 Ensuring blue growth brings jobs and income for local people



3.2 Creating new jobs by promoting entrepreneurship and innovation



Explore more of Axis 4 possibilities by looking at the FARNET guide #7 for fisheries communities: www.farnet.eu/guides

Axis 4 of the European Fisheries Fund is a tool for fisheries communities to drive development locally. It is implemented by private public partnerships called Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGs).

These groups are made up of representatives from fisheries and aquaculture and from all parts of the community. Together they prepare and implement a local development strategy for their area.

Throughout Europe, more than 300 of these FLAGs have already generated several thousand projects adapted to local needs. This leaflet provides a snapshot of some of the main ways Axis 4 can help fishing communities.

The FARNET guide #7 that accompanies this leaflet (www.farnet.eu/guides) provides examples from across Europe of how FLAGs use Axis 4 to assist fishing communities in three main complementary ways:

- 1. By bringing fishing communities together and strengthening their influence in the key decisions that affect their future. Building links and trust within fishing communities as well as between them and "land based actors" is an essential first step.*
- 2. By increasing income for fishermen and safeguarding existing jobs. This can be done by improving the competitiveness of their products and/or supporting the creation of new sustainable sources of revenue.*
- 3. By creating new job opportunities for local people through the promotion of entrepreneurship, innovation and the acquisition of new skills, and by harnessing the immense potential of blue growth.*

João, Leif, Isabel, Carmen, Louise, Christian, Jan, Bettina and Tim are just some of the members of local fishing communities who have teamed up with a FLAG to work on the sustainable development of their area. Discover how Axis 4 has helped them develop their projects and learn about their key achievements on the FARNET website:

www.farnet.eu/videos

www.farnet.eu/goodpractices



Axis 4

A tool in the hands of fisheries communities



CONTACT THE FARNET TEAM

The FLAGs and all other stakeholders involved in the implementation of Axis 4 of the EFF form part of the Fisheries Areas Network (FARNET). This network aims to share knowledge and provide training and advice to help move the sustainable development of fisheries areas forward.

The network is supported by a technical assistance team, the FARNET Support Unit, based in Brussels and made up of a 10 person team combining expertise from fisheries with local and territorial development.

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